

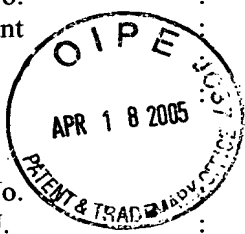
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. : 09/869,647
Applicant : Hiroyasu Karimoto et al.
Filed : July 2, 2001
Title : CREATION ASSISTING METHOD AND APPARATUS UTILIZING
ELEMENT INDEXES (*as amended*)

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Docket No. : 33764



Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT "A"

Sir:

This amendment is filed in response to the Office action dated January 14, 2005 (Paper No. 20050108). The three month period for responding to the Office action expires on April 14, 2005. Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$1,400.00 for the addition of 28 additional claims in excess of 20.

Please amend the above-identified application in the following manner.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 15 of this paper.

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